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For: PREPARATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF
HEPATOCYTE GROWTH FACTOR

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 27, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated August 27, 2002, the period for responding having been extended three (3) months until December 27, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-15, drawn to a preparation containing hepatocyte growth factor; and

Group II, claims 16-29, drawn to a method of treating or preventing ischemic disease or arterial disease in a patient